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German Democratic Republic

FDD Abstract [REDACTED]

MISCELLANEOUS ECONOMIC INFORMATION

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(31pp; German; [REDACTED])

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There are four separate reports in this document, all dated September 1951.

- 25X1X 1. An 8-page [REDACTED] directive, issued by the Main Administration for the Construction Industry, which lists economies to be effected in structural steel, lumber, non-ferrous metals, and other scarce building materials: i.e., reinforced concrete replaces steel wherever possible, tile stoves replace iron ranges, scaffolding must be clamped or chained together but not nailed, rainspouts run inside the building and are of glass or clay, house wiring will be done with aluminum instead of copper wire, no oil paint is to be used on interiors, etc.
2. A 2-page report on export difficulties in the auto industry. In 1950 the GDR sold about 200 BMW Type 340 autos per month to the West via Sweden. Since January 1951 the has decreased to about 20 a month (i.e. SAG Autowelo fell about 85% behind its export quota because the Soviet auto "Moskvich" (a copy of the Opel Cadet) at \$850. has driven the BMW out of the market. The production cost of a BMW is 14,500 East marks; at a selling price of 4,000 East marks (3.30 East marks to \$1.) there is a state subvention of 10,500 East marks per car. The Bleichert firm in Leipzig (SAG Transmasch) tried to sell cranes (on a ZIS chassis) at \$23,000.00; they were finally disposed of to Hungary, Poland, and Czechoslovakia at \$12,600.
3. An 8-page copy of a "Secret Personal Orientation Directive to the Directors of the People-Owned Plants" which is the basis of a new law on dismissal of workers in the GDR. Union leaders, technicians, physicians, and scientists are exempted from the law, but workers will be given a 2-weeks notice of dismissal. The law makes it possible to shift workers on short notice and is also another club over the head of private industries, which are referred to as "class enemies."
- 25X1X 4. A 13-page [REDACTED] table listing reparation shipments, from Sachsen-Anhalt only, to USSR from 30 July to 11 August 1951. The table headings are: (1) Shipper, (2) Items, (3) Gross Weight, and (4) Receiver. There are more than 150 entries in the table; the gross weight is over 2,000 tons.

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